REMARKS

Claims 11-30 are pending in the present Application. Claims 23, 27, and 30 have been amended

Claims 23 and 17 have been amended to correct a grammatical error. Claim 30 has been amended to fully define the term "TMA" as understood by one of ordinary skill in the art as the acronym relates to linear expansion coefficients.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 23, 27-29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants believe that these rejections have been addressed by the above claim amendments.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection(s) and rejection(s) and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2341.

Respectfully submitted,

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